

District of Columbia, Department of Mental Health Washington, DC

Project Title District of Columbia, Department of Mental Health IDA Program

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Grant Amount \$200,000

Nonfederal Support \$200,000

Project Period September 2004 – September 2009

Highlights The Washington, DC, Department of Mental Health IDA Program

seeks to increase the independent living, economic independence, and productivity of mental health consumers in the District of Columbia by providing IDAs to 125 mental health consumers. The program will match participant savings at a \$4 to \$1 rate so that they may save for homeownership, post-secondary education, or micorenterprise.

Target Population Low-income, mental health consumers in the District of Columbia.

Grantee/Collaborative Description The District of Columbia Department of Mental Health (DMH) is a

cabinent level agency. The primary mission of the DMH is to address the mental health services and support needs of District residents.

For this initiative, DMH will partner with the city's housing finance and public housing agencies, as well as a local nonprofit housing

group, Manna, Inc., and the United Bank of Washington.